M. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was in February 1931.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): May I know whether the people of the locality have petitioned the Government in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): : I do not have the information now.

Result of the Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination, 1107.

298. **MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for the poor results of the last Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination, 1107?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The results of the Vernacular School Leaving Examination have been more or less the same in recent years. There is no reason to characterise this year's results alone as poor.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): കഴിഞ്ഞ മൂന്നു വർഷത്തിൽ എത്രശതമാനം പാസായിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ൫൭ ശതമാനം.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): തോറ്റിട്ടുള്ളതു അധികവും ഈഴ്വീഷിലാണൊ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

MR. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vaikam*): ഏതു വിഷയത്തിലാണ് അധികവും തോറ്റിട്ടുള്ളതെന്നു അന്വേഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

Smuggling of beedi tobacco through Quilon.

299. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the approximate amount of loss of Government revenue caused by the smuggling of *beedi* tobacco in the Quilon Railway Customs from 1100 to Medam 1107;

(*b*) from what year the smuggling of *beedi* tobacco in the form of cloth bundles occurred in the Quilon Customs;

(*c*) the quantity in lbs. of *beedi* tobacco on which duty was levied by the Quilon Railway Customs in 1105;

(*d*) the amount of revenue realised on that account;

(*e*) the quantity in lbs. of *beedi* tobacco on which duty was levied in 1106 by the Quilon Railway Customs;

(*f*) the amount realised on that account

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(*g*) the quantity in lbs. of *beedi* tobacco on which duty was levied in 1107 (till Medam) by the Quilon Railway Customs;

(*h*) the amount realised on that account;

(*i*) the date on which the detection of smuggling of *beedi* tobacco was effected at Quilon; and

(*j*) the person responsible for the detection?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no smuggling of *beedi* tobacco in the Quilon Railway Customs from 1100 to Medam 1107 and there was, therefore, no loss of Government revenue.

(*b*) The smuggling of *beedi* tobacco in the form of cloth bundles occurred only once in the Quilon Customs and it was detected by the Excise authorities at the place.

(*c*) 20,887¾ lbs.

(*d*) Rs. 8,772-14 as. 5 pies.

(*e*) 7,585 lbs.

(*f*) Rs. 3,185-11 as. 6 pies.

(*g*) 38,644 lbs.

(*h*) Rs. 16,230-8 as. 10 pies.

(*i*) 26-12-1106.

(*j*) Excise Inspector Mr. Ratnaswami Pillai of the Quilon Range.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) With regard to the answer to part (*b*), may I point out that my question is 'from what year' and not 'how many times'?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It was found out only in 1106 and the presumption is that there was no such smuggling before that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Am I to take it that the member is informing me that the smuggling of *beedi* tobacco was found out by Government from the year 1106 only?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not *from* but *in* 1106 only.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to the answer to part (*a*), may I know whether this one case of smuggling that was found out in 1106 does not come within the period 1100-1107 and may I know the reason why Government say that there was no smuggling and consequently there was no loss to Government? May I know the significance of that answer?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) With regard to the answers to parts (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*), may I know whether Government took any steps when they found such a phenomenal disparity in the amount of this dutiable article, namely, *beedi* tobacco imported, which was 20,887 lbs. in 1105, 7585 lbs. in 1106 and more than 38,000 in 1107? May I know whether Government moved their little finger in 1106 to find out the cause of this phenomenally low import of dutiable *beedi* tobacco which has fallen from 20,000 to 7,000?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): From the report of the Excise Commissioner it is not seen that any steps were taken in regard to that.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether the Assistant Excise Commissioner passed any proceedings for the conduct of the import of dutiable articles from the Quilon Railway Customs, for the benefit of the Sub-Inspector of Railway Customs?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No information is available.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will call for the information and enquire into the matter?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): With regard to the answer to part (*j*), may I know whether the Excise Commissioner recommended any reward to any persons for this detection?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no recommendation so far as can be seen from my office file.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): I am not concerned with the member's office file. What is the information of Government in the matter?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No recommendation has come from the Excise Commissioner.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether any reward was proposed to a British officer who aided in the detection of this crime?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That information also is not available.

Prevention of smuggling of dutiables at the Quilon Railway Customs.

300. **MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the Excise Sub-Inspectors in charge of the Railway Customs, Quilon, from 1105 to Medam 1107;

(*b*) whether the Railway invoices are sent to the Customs Sub-Inspectors in the case of Railway parcels;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that delivery of parcels is effected only after giving intimation to the Customs Sub-Inspector;

(*d*) whether the Customs Officer is responsible to guard against the smuggling of dutiables from the Quilon railway station;

(*e*) whether the Sub-Inspector is bound to maintain a register of non-dutiables imported at the Customs;

(*f*) whether any such register is maintained at the Quilon Customs;

(*g*) whether there is any entry in any register to show that cloth bundles were being imported as parcels from the Quilon railway station;

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